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FORMER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL TEACHER
SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING IMAGES OF
THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS

FRESNO – United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that United States District Judge Anthony W. Ishii, sentenced VICTOR ALAN LANG, 40, of North Fork, California, for possessing visual depictions of the sexual exploitation of minors.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents.

Given the date of the offense to which he pleaded guilty, LANG faced a maximum prison term of five years, a term of supervised release of up to three years, and a fine of up to \$250,000. The actual sentence imposed included a prison term of 27 months in Bureau of Prisons custody, a three-year term of supervised release, and a payment of \$500.00 to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) in Alexandria, Virginia. NCMEC's mission is to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation, help find missing children, and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them. The organization established and maintains a CyberTipline and an Exploited Child Unit as vital resources for reporting Child Sexual Exploitation and for responding to the reports. Additional information is available at www.missingkids.com

LANG came to the attention of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office in Fresno, California after agents in the Newark, New Jersey ICE office had determined that LANG had purchased access to various web sites containing child pornography. As part of his plea agreement, he admitted that he possessed these images on February 1, 2003. When he was arrested in 2003, LANG was a seventh-grade teacher at the Oak Creek Intermediate School near Oakhurst, California. He told investigating agents that he had been obtaining via the internet, and then saving on his home computer, sexually explicit images of minors, including images of twelve year-old girls.

Because the offense for which the defendant was sentenced is considered a crime of violence under federal statutes, the court ordered LANG, who had been released on numerous conditions, remanded into custody to begin serving his prison sentence.

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